#### IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

Case No.: SC16-1518

#### L.T. Case No. 3D16-1804

#### **JAMES BARRY WRIGHT**

Petitioner,

-VS.-

CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, a municipal corporation, RONETTA TAYLOR, in her official capacity as Clerk for the City of Miami Gardens and CHRISTINA WHITE, in her official capacity as the Miami-Dade County Supervisor of Elections

Respondents.

# RESPONDENTS, MIAMI GARDENS and RONETTA TAYLOR'S SUPPLEMENTAL APPENDIX

ON REVIEW FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

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# **ORIGINAL COMPLAINT**

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Usted ha sido demandado legalmente. Tiene 20 días, contados a partir del recibo de esta notificación, para contestar la demanda adjunta, por escrito, y presentarla ante este tribunal. Una llamada telefónica no lo protegerá. Si usted desea que el tribunal considere su defensa, debe presentar su respuesta por escrito, incluyendo el número del caso y los nombres de las partes interesadas. Si usted no contesta la demanda a tiempo, pudiese perder el caso podría ser despojado de sus ingresos y propiedades, o privado de sus derechos, sin previo aviso del tribunal. Existen otros requisitos legales. Si lo desea, puede usted consultar a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a una de las oficinas de asistencia legal (Legal Aid Office) o un servicio de referencia de abogados (Attorney Referral Service) que aparecen en la guía telefónica.  Si desea responder a la demanda por su cuenta, al mismo tiempo en que presenta su respuesta ante el tribunal, debera usted enviar por correo o entregar en la mano una copia de su respuesta a la persona denominada abajo como "Plaintiff/Plaintiff/s Attorney" (Demandante o Abogado del Demandante) y presentar su contestación a la demanda al Secretario del Juzgado. La ubicación central de la Oficina del Secretario está en el edificio de la Corte del Condado de Dade. La dirección de la Corte, y de las sucursales aparecen en la lista siguiente para su conveniencia:					
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## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

JAMES BARRY WRIGHT,

Plaintiff,

16-16248CA01

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CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, a Florida municipal corporation, and RONETTA TAYLOR, the City of Miami Gardens City Clerk, in her official capacity,

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COMPLAINT FOR DECLARATORY AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF
TO ENJOIN THE CITY'S JUNE 20, 2016, CANDIDATE DISQUALIFICATION,
ALTERNATIVELY, TO ENJOIN THE REMOVAL OF CANDIDATE NAME FROM
THE AUGUST 30, 2016 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT

COMES NOW, Plaintiff, JAMES BARRY WRIGHT ("Plaintiff"), and files this

Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief against the City of Miami Gardens ("City"), a

municipality of the State of Florida, and Ronetta Taylor, the Miami Gardens City Clerk ("City

Clerk", in her official capacity, and in support thereof alleges as follows:

#### INTRODUCTION

- 1. This is an action for declaratory and injunctive relief for the purpose of enjoining the City of Miami Gardens from disqualifying Plaintiff from the August 30, 2016, General Election ("General Election"), alternatively, to enjoin the City from the removal of Plaintiff's name from the August 30, 2016, General Election Ballot.
- 2. On June 20, 2016, the City Clerk sent correspondence to Plaintiff disqualifying Plaintiff from the above-referenced General Election alleging that Plaintiff's qualifying check (Check 1007), written on his campaign account, had been "returned" by a financial institution.

#### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 3. The Court has jurisdiction pursuant to the Florida Constitution, Art.V, §5(b) and Art.V, §20(c), as implemented by Florida Statutes, Section 26.012(3) and Chapter 86, and, Florida Rule of Civil Procedure 1.610.
- 4. This action pertains to the August 30, 2016, General Election held by the City of Miami Gardens, which will be in the City; therefore, venue properly lies in this Court.

#### **PARTIES**

- 5. Plaintiff, JAMES BARRY WRIGHT, is a citizen, resident, voter and elector of the City of Miami Gardens.
- 6. Defendant, the CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS ("City"), is a municipality of the State of Florida.
- 7. Defendant, RONETTA TAYLOR ("City Clerk), as the City of Miami Gardens City Clerk, serves as the Filing Officer to determine candidate qualification pursuant to §99.061(7)(c), Fla. Stat. (2015). As the Filing Officer, the City Clerk performs a ministerial function in reviewing qualifying papers, and shall determine whether all necessary items have been properly filed and whether each item is complete on its face. The Filing Officer also makes the determination whether a candidate is properly qualified to run for elected office.

#### STATEMENT OF RELEVANT FACTS

- 8. Plaintiff brings this action in his capacity as a citizen, resident and voter of the City who has been adversely affected by the decision of the City Clerk disqualifying him as a candidate for the August 30, 2016, General Election, and who has no adequate remedy at law.
- 9. Plaintiff's position is that the City improperly and wrongfully disqualified him as a candidate for the August 30, 2016, General Election, and has subsequently taken action to

prevent him from rightfully participating as a candidate for the office of Mayor of the City of Miami Gardens.

- 10. On or about, June 1, 2016, Plaintiff provided Check 1007 to Defendant, in the amount of \$620.00, drawn on Wells Fargo Bank (Account#: XXXXX40616), as part of the process to be qualified as a Mayoral Candidate for the City of Miami Gardens.
- 11. The end of the qualifying period for the City of Miami Gardens General Election was June 2, 2016, at 4:00 p.m.
- 12. During the period of June 2, 2016, and June 8, 2016, Defendant presented Check 1007 to their financial institution in an effort to negotiate payment with Plaintiff's financial institution, Wells Fargo, for payment on Check 1007.
- 13. On or about June 8, 2016, Defendant was notified that Plaintiff's Check 1007 was not negotiated for payment against Plaintiff's campaign account, because Plaintiff's account was unable to be located (see Exhibit A).
- 14. Plaintiff was not notified by Defendant, at any time, subsequent to providing Check 1007 to Defendant on June 1, 2016, and receiving the letter from the City Clerk on June 20, 2016, that his campaign account with Wells Fargo Bank could not be located.
- 15. On June 20, 2016, the City Clerk, Ms. Ronetta Taylor sent correspondence to Plaintiff disqualifying him from the above-referenced General Election (see Exhibit B).

#### STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

- 16. §99.061(7)(a)(1), Fla. Stat. (2015), provides, in pertinent part, as follows:
- (7)(a) In order for a candidate to be qualified, the following items must be received by the filing officer by the end of the qualifying period:
  - 1. A properly executed check drawn upon the candidate's campaign account payable to the person or entity as prescribed by the filing officer in an amount not less than the fee required by s. 99.092, unless

the candidate obtained the required number of signatures on petitions pursuant to s. 99.095. The filing fee for a special district candidate is not required to be drawn upon the candidate's campaign account. If a candidate's check is returned by the bank for any reason, the filing officer shall immediately notify the candidate and the candidate shall have until the end of qualifying to pay the fee with a cashier's check purchased from funds of the campaign account. Failure to pay the fee as provided in this subparagraph shall disqualify the candidate.

- 17. Plaintiff's Check 1007 was not properly presented for payment against Plaintiff's campaign account. Moreover, the reason for Plaintiff's Check 1007 not being properly presented against Plaintiff's campaign account is apparently unknown.
- 18. Defendant also failed to immediately notify Plaintiff of the above-referenced matter concerning payment from his campaign account, as required by §99.061(7)(a)(1), Fla. Stat. (2015).
- 19. Further, Plaintiff's account does not show any activity where Check 1007 was ever properly presented by any financial institution for payment against the campaign account. Moreover, Plaintiff's account was not charged any fees for "insufficient funds" or "returned items" by Wells Fargo Bank associated with Check 1007.
- 20. As of May 31, 2016, Plaintiff's campaign account had a balance of \$4,895.12, which was well in excess of the amount needed to qualify as a candidate in the City of Miami Gardens General Election (see Exhibit C).

#### COUNT I

- 21. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference the allegations set forth in paragraphs one (1) through nineteen (19) as though fully set forth herein.
- 22. Plaintiff is being unjustly disqualified as a Mayoral Candidate for the City of Miami Gardens, after properly and timely submitting all necessary documentation to qualify as a candidate pursuant to § 99.061(7)(a)(1), Fla. Stat. (2015).

- 23. Moreover, the City's reasoning for disqualifying him as a candidate in the August 30, 2016, General Election are not based on the facts or the law.
- 24. There is no evidence presented by the City that Plaintiff's Check 1007 was ever rejected for payment by Wells Fargo Bank. The documentation relied on by the City to disqualify Petitioner was that Wells Fargo Bank "could not locate" Petitioner's account -- not that Plaintiff's account did not exist (see Exhibit A).
- 25. There is unrefuted evidence that Petitioner had an active campaign account with Wells Fargo Bank, which had a sufficient balance on June 1, 2016, to cover the Check 1007 written for qualifying fees.
- 26. The City has failed to establish that Plaintiff's qualifying check was "returned" by Wells Fargo within the context of § 99.061(7)(a)(1), Fla. Stat. (2015), and has also failed to show that Plaintiff's financial institution was ever presented with Check 1007 for payment against his campaign account. The City has also failed to show that Plaintiff's financial institution specifically refused to provide payment from Plaintiff's account after receiving Check 1007.
- 27. The reasons provided by the City for disqualifying Plaintiff are meritless, and are unsupported by any evidence. Accordingly, voters of the City are being prevented from considering Plaintiff as a viable candidate for the office of Mayor of Miami Gardens based on a technical "glitch" surrounding the proper processing and presentation of Plaintiff's Check 1007 to his financial institution for payment of his qualifying fee.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully requests the following:

1. A Declaration that the CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, disqualification of him from the August 30, 2016, General Election was improper, and not done pursuant to § 99.061(7)(a)(1),

Fla. Stat. (2015);

- 2. An Order enjoining the City from referring to Plaintiff as a disqualified candidate for the office of Mayor of Miami Gardens for the upcoming August 30, 2016, General Election;
- 3. An Order requiring the City to ensure that Plaintiff's name is included on all official campaign materials and information regarding the upcoming August 30, 2016, General Election;
  - 4. An award of cost and attorney's fees to the extent permitted by law; and
  - 5. Such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES BARRY WRIGHT

James Wright Campaign

3816 Hollywood Blvd, Ste. 203

Hollywood, FL 33021-6750

(305)469-6373 - telephone

<u>Jwrightmg16@gmail.com</u> (primary e-mail)

ibarrywright@aol.com (secondary e-mail)

#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been sent via email and process server to: Mayor Oliver Gilbert III, on behalf of the City of Miami Gardens, Florida, 18605 NW 27th Avenue, Miami Gardens, Florida 33056, ogilbert@miamigardens-

fl.gov, this day of June, 2016.

JAMES BARRY WRIGHT



## "EXHIBIT A"

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Ronetta Taylor, MMC City Clerk

June 20, 2016

James Wright

Miami Gardens, FL 33169

RE: City of Miami Gardens General Election, August 30, 2016

Dear Mr. Wright:

The City of Miami Gardens opened its qualifying period Thursday, May 26, 2016 and ended it on Thursday June 2, 2016 at 4:00 PM; for the City of Miami Gardens General Election scheduled for Tuesday, August 30, 3016. On June 1, 2016, at approximately 2:37 PM, you appeared in my Office to qualify for the City of Miami Gardens General Election as a candidate for Mayor.

You paid the qualifying fee in the amount of \$620.00, with a starter check from Wells Fargo Bank. I was notified on Thursday, June 16, 2016, at approximately 5:30 PM by the City of Miami Gardens Finance Department that the check had been returned because the account number on the check could not be located.

Pursuant to F.S. 99.061(7)(2)(1), located on page 26 of the Elections Laws of the State of Florida, which you were provided a copy of "if a candidate's check is returned for any reason, the filing officer shall immediately notify the candidate and the candidate shall have until the end of qualifying to pay the fee with a cashier's check purchased from funds of the campaign account. Failure to pay the fee as provided in this subparagraph shall disqualify the candidate".

Unfortunately, qualifying ended June 2, 2016, therefore you are hereby disqualified. A copy of the returned check as well as the applicable state law is being provided.

Sincerely,

Řonetta Taylor, MM¢

City Clerk

Attachment(s)

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than the office of the state attorney or the public defender.

- (2) The provisions of any special act to the contrary notwithstanding, each person seeking to qualify for nomination or election to a county office, or district office not covered by subsection (1), shall file his or her qualification papers with, and pay the qualifying fee, which shall consist of the filing fee and election assessment, and party assessment, if any has been levied, to, the supervisor of elections of the county, or shall qualify by the petition process pursuant to s. 99.095 with the supervisor of elections, at any time after noon of the 1st day for qualifying, which shall be the 71st day prior to the primary election, but not later than noon of the 67th day prior to the date of the primary election. Within 30 days after the closing of qualifying time, the supervisor of elections shall remit to the secretary of the state executive committee of the political party to which the candidate belongs the amount of the filing fee, twothirds of which shall be used to promote the candidacy of candidates for county offices and the candidacy of members of the Legislature.
- (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of any special act to the contrary, each person seeking to qualify for election to a special district office shall qualify between noon of the 71st day prior to the primary election and noon of the 67th day prior to the date of the primary election. Candidates for single-county special districts shall qualify with the supervisor of elections in the county in which the district is located. If the district is a multicounty district, candidates shall qualify with the Department of State. All special district candidates shall qualify by paying a filing fee of \$25 or qualify by the petition process pursuant to s. 99.095. Notwithstanding s. 106.021, a candidate who does not collect contributions and whose only expense is the filing fee or signature verification fee is not required to appoint a campaign treasurer or designate a primary campaign depository
- (4)(a) Each person seeking to qualify for election to office as a write-in candidate shall file his or her qualification papers with the respective qualifying officer at any time after noon of the 1st day for qualifying, but not later than noon of the last day of the qualifying period for the office sought.
- (b) Any person who is seeking election as a write-in candidate shall not be required to pay a filing fee, election assessment, or party assessment. A write-in candidate is not entitled to have his or her name printed on any ballot; however, space for the write-in candidate's name to be written in must be provided on the general election ballot. A person may not qualify as a write-in candidate if the person has also otherwise qualified for nomination or election to such office.
- (5) At the time of qualifying for office, each candidate for a constitutional office shall file a full and public disclosure of financial interests pursuant to s. 8, Art. II of the State Constitution, which must be verified under oath or affirmation pursuant to s. 92.525(1)(a), and a candidate for any other office, including local elective office, shall file a statement of financial interests pursuant to s. 112.3145.

- (6) The Department of State shall certify to the supervisor of elections, within 7 days after the closing date for qualifying, the names of all duly qualified candidates for nomination or election who have qualified with the Department of State.
- (7)(a) In order for a candidate to be qualified, the following items must be received by the filing officer by the end of the qualifying period:
- 1. A properly executed check drawn upon the candidate's campaign account payable to the person or entity as prescribed by the filing officer in an amount not less than the fee required by s. 99.092, unless the candidate obtained the required number of signatures on petitions pursuant to s. 99.095. The filing fee for a special district candidate is not required to be drawn upon the candidate's campaign account. If a candidate's check is returned by the bank for any reason, the filling officer shall immediately notify the candidate and the candidate shall have until the end of qualifying to pay the fee with a cashier's check purchased from funds of the campaign account. Failure to pay the fee as provided in this subparagraph shall disqualify the candidate.
- 2. The candidate's oath required by s. 99.021, which must contain the name of the candidate as it is to appear on the ballot; the office sought, including the district or group number if applicable; and the signature of the candidate, which must be verified under oath or affirmation pursuant to s. 92.525(1)(a).
- 3. If the office sought is partisan, the written statement of political party affiliation required by s. 99.021(1)(b).
- 4. The completed form for the appointment of campaign treasurer and designation of campaign depository, as required by s. 106.021.
- 5. The full and public disclosure or statement of financial interests required by subsection (5). A public officer who has filed the full and public disclosure or statement of financial interests with the Commission on Ethics or the supervisor of elections prior to qualifying for office may file a copy of that disclosure at the time of qualifying.
- (b) If the filing officer receives qualifying papers during the qualifying period prescribed in this section which do not include all items as required by paragraph (a) prior to the last day of qualifying, the filing officer shall make a reasonable effort to notify the candidate of the missing or incomplete items and shall inform the candidate that all required items must be received by the close of qualifying. A candidate's name as it is to appear on the ballot may not be changed after the end of qualifying.
- (c) The filing officer performs a ministerial function in reviewing qualifying papers. In determining whether a candidate is qualified, the filing officer shall review the qualifying papers to determine whether all items required by paragraph (a) have been properly filed and whether each item is complete on its face, including whether items that must be verified have been properly verified pursuant to s. 92.525(1)(a). The filing officer may not determine whether the contents of the qualifying papers are accurate.

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## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

JAMES BARRY WRIGHT,

Plaintiff,	16-16248CA01(04)
v.	Case No.  CIVIL DIVISION
CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, a Florida municipal corporation, and RONETTA TAYLOR, the	JUN 30 CROUT &
City of Miami Gardens City Clerk, in her official capacity,	RECORD AM II: ( Y, FLORII)
Defendants	

## EMERGENCY MOTION TO EXPEDITE PRELIMINARY MOTION FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF AND FOR ENTRY OF TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER

COMES NOW, JAMES BARRY WRIGHT ("Plaintiff"), hereby moves this Court for an expedited consideration of his Motion for Preliminary Injunctive Relief. Plaintiff further moves the Court for entry of a temporary restraining order enjoining Defendant, CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS ("Defendant"), from removing Plaintiff's name as an eligible candidate from any official ballots or associated materials for the Mayoral Election within the City of Miami Gardens prior to the August 30, 2016 General Election. In support thereof, and in addition to the reasons previously set forth in the in the Memorandum of Law accompanying Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Injunctive Relief, Plaintiff states as follows:

1. On or about June 1, 2016, Plaintiff provided Check 1007 to Defendant, in the amount of \$620.00, drawn on Wells Fargo Bank (Account#: XXXXX40616), as part of the process to be qualified as a Mayoral Candidate for the City of Miami Gardens (see Exhibit A). The end of the qualifying period for the City of Miami Gardens General Election ("General Election") was June 2, 2016, at 4:00 p.m.

- 2. During the period of June 2, 2016, and June 8, 2016, Defendant presented Check 1007 to their financial institution in an effort to negotiate payment with Plaintiff's financial institution, Wells Fargo, for payment on Check 1007.
- 3. On or about June 8, 2016, Defendant was notified that Check 1007 was not negotiated for payment with Wells Fargo Bank, because Plaintiff's account was unable to be located.
- 4. Plaintiff was not notified by Defendant on or about June 8, 2016, that his account with Wells Fargo could not be located.
- 5. On June 20, 2016, the Defendant's City Clerk, Ms. Ronetta Taylor, sent correspondence to Plaintiff disqualifying him from the above-referenced General Election due to a "returned check" on Plaintiff's campaign account, and cited to §99.061(7)(2)(1), Fla. Stat. (2015) as the applicable state law.
- 6. The Plaintiff's position is that Check 1007 was not properly presented to Wells Fargo Bank for payment against Plaintiff's campaign account, which carried an unencumbered balance of \$4,895.12 on the date the qualifying check was written on May 31, 2016. Furthermore, Plaintiff has subsequently verified with Wells Fargo Bank that there is no record of Plaintiff's Check 1007 ever being properly presented to Wells Fargo for payment against Plaintiff's campaign account.
- 7. In approximately two (2) months, duly registered voters of the City of Miami Gardens will have an opportunity to vote in the City's General Election. Prior to the City's "disqualification" determination given, nineteen (19) days after the end of qualifying period, the Plaintiff was running an active and vibrant candidacy for the office of Mayor for the City of Miami Gardens.

8. Given the short amount of time remaining before the August 30th General Election, and the significant harm suffered by the Plaintiff due to this wrongful disqualification, the Plaintiff urges the Court to impose an expedited hearing schedule regarding Plaintiff's Motion for Preliminary Injunctive Relief. Additionally, a temporary restraining order is warranted to prevent Defendant from removing Plaintiff's name from any official ballots or election materials until the Court has had an opportunity to rule on Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Injunctive Relief.

WHEREFORE, based on the above-referenced information, Plaintiff, JAMES BARRY
WRIGHT respectfully requests that the Court grant this Emergency Motion to Expedite Preliminary
Injunctive Relief and for entry of a Temporary Restraining Order to prevent the City of Miami
Gardens from disqualifying him as candidate in the current City of Miami Gardens Mayoral
Election scheduled for August 30, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been sent via e-mail and process server to: Mayor Oliver Gilbert III, on behalf of the City of Miami Gardens, Florida, 18605 NW 27th Avenue, Miami Gardens, Florida 33056, ogilbert@miamigardens-fl.gov, this day of June, 2016.

JAMES BARRY WRIGHT

## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Case No.

CIVIL DIVISION

JAMES BARRY WRIGHT,

Plaintiff.

v.

16-16248CA01 (04)

CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, a Florida municipal corporation, and RONETTA TAYLOR, the City of Miami Gardens City Clerk, in her official capacity,

Defendants \

## MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTIVE RELIEF AND INCORPORATED MEMORANDUM OF LAW

COMES NOW, JAMES BARRY WRIGHT ("Plaintiff"), and hereby files this Motion for Preliminary Injunctive Relief, to prevent the CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS ("Defendant") from referring to him as a disqualified candidate in the current City of Miami Gardens General Election. In support thereof, Plaintiff alleges as follows:

- 1. On or about, June 1, 2016, Plaintiff provided Check 1007 to Defendant, in the amount of \$620.00, drawn on Wells Fargo Bank (Account#: XXXXX40616), as part of the process to be qualified as a Mayoral Candidate for the City of Miami Gardens.
- 2. The end of the qualifying period for the City of Miami Gardens General Election was June 2, 2016, at 4:00 p.m.
- 3. During the period of June 2, 2016, and June 8, 2016, Defendant presented Check 1007 to their financial institution in an effort to negotiate payment with Plaintiff's financial institution, Wells Fargo, for payment on Check 1007.

- 4. On or about June 8, 2016, Defendant was notified that Plaintiff's Check 1007 was not negotiated for payment against Plaintiff's campaign account, because Plaintiff's account was unable to be located (see Exhibit A).
- 5. Plaintiff was not notified by Defendant on or about June 8, 2016, that his account with Wells Fargo could not be located.
- 6. On June 20, 2016, the City Clerk, Ms. Ronetta Taylor sent correspondence to Plaintiff disqualifying him from the above-referenced General Election due to a "returned check" on Plaintiff's campaign account, and cited to §99.061(7)(2)(1), Fla. Stat. (2015) as the applicable state law (see Exhibit B).
  - 7. §99.061(7)(a)(1), Fla. Stat. (2015), provides, in pertinent part, as follows:
  - (7)(a) In order for a candidate to be qualified, the following items must be received by the filing officer by the end of the qualifying period:
    - 1. A properly executed check drawn upon the candidate's campaign account payable to the person or entity as prescribed by the filing officer in an amount not less than the fee required by s. 99.092, unless the candidate obtained the required number of signatures on petitions pursuant to s. 99.095. The filing fee for a special district candidate is not required to be drawn upon the candidate's campaign account. If a candidate's check is returned by the bank for any reason, the filing officer shall immediately notify the candidate and the candidate shall have until the end of qualifying to pay the fee with a cashier's check purchased from funds of the campaign account. Failure to pay the fee as provided in this subparagraph shall disqualify the candidate.
- 8. Check 1007 was not returned by Plaintiff's financial institution, Wells Fargo Bank, because it was never properly presented for payment against Plaintiff's campaign account. Moreover, the reason for Check 1007 not being properly presented to Wells Fargo Bank is unknown.
- 9. Plaintiff's account does not show any activity where Check 1007 was ever presented by any financial institution for payment against Plaintiff's campaign account. Additionally,

Plaintiff's account was not charged any fees for "insufficient funds" or "returned items" by Wells Fargo Bank associated with Check 1007.

- 10. Plaintiff was not notified by Defendant, at any time, subsequent to providing Check 1007 to Defendant on June 1, 2016, and receiving the letter from the City Clerk on June 20, 2016, that his campaign account with Wells Fargo Bank could not be located.
- 11. As of May 31, 2016, Plaintiff's campaign account had a balance of \$4,895.12, which was well in excess of the amount needed to qualify as a candidate in the City of Miami Gardens General Election (see Exhibit C).

#### Argument and Incorporated Memorandum of Law

- 12. The City of Miami Gardens is a Florida municipality created and with authority under Art. VIII, §2, Fla. Const.
- 13. The Court has jurisdiction pursuant to Art. V, §5, Fla. Const. and may issue injunctions according to §26.012(3) Fla. Stat. (2015).
- 14. The issuance of a preliminary injunction is an extraordinary remedy which should be granted sparingly, which must be based upon a showing of the following criteria: (1) The likelihood of irreparable harm; (2) the unavailability of an adequate remedy at law; (3) substantial likelihood of success on the merits; and (4) considerations of the public interest. Thompson v. Planning Com'n of City of Jacksonville, 464 So.2d 1231, 1236 (1st DCA 1985); See Islandia Condominium Association, Inc. v. Vermut, 438 So.2d 89 (Fla. 4th DCA 1983); Playpen South, Inc. v. City of Oakland Park, 396 So.2d 830 (Fla. 4th DCA 1981). Furthermore, one of the most valuable phases of injunctions is to prevent an injury from occurring and not to be forced to wait until after the damage is done and then attempt to seek redress for the same. See generally Lewis v. Peters, 66 So.2d 489, 492 (Fla. 1953).

- Here, in dealing with the first and second criteria established in Thompson, the harm demonstrated by Plaintiff is being unjustly disqualified as a Mayoral Candidate for the City of Miami Gardens, after properly and timely submitting all necessary documentation to qualify as a candidate pursuant to § 99.061(7)(a)(1), Fla. Stat. (2015). Moreover, the remedy at law, an action for damages, would be inadequate because of the fact that the General Election will be held on August 30, 2016; thus, damages to the Plaintiff from being prevented in participating with his campaign efforts are speculative and unascertainable. Accordingly, the harm is therefore irreparable and the remedy at law inadequate.
- 16. The third element required for a preliminary injunction is substantial likelihood of success on the merits. This element, as applied to the facts before us, involves a consideration of whether the Defendant properly disqualified Plaintiff as a candidate for Mayor of the City of Miami Gardens. Thompson at 1237. In the instant case, the check in question (Check 1007) was never properly presented to Wells Fargo Bank for payment against Plaintiff's account; therefore, payment was not refused.
- 17. Additionally, there is no evidence presented by Defendant that Plaintiff's Check 1007 was ever rejected for payment by Wells Fargo Bank. The documentation relied on by the Defendant to disqualify Plaintiff was that Wells Fargo Bank "could not locate" Plaintiff's account -- not that Plaintiff's account did not exist (see Exhibit A). This is a major distinction which leads to substantial likelihood of success on the merits of this case. There is unrefuted evidence that Plaintiff had an active campaign account with Wells Fargo Bank, which had a sufficient balance on June 1, 2016, to cover the Check 1007 written for qualifying fees. It is also apparent that there was a technical "glitch" involving the manner in which Plaintiff's check was presented for payment to Wells Fargo Bank, which did not allow the Bank to properly negotiate the transaction to clear the requested and available funds from Plaintiff's campaign account. Subsequently, this is why

Plaintiff's account does not show that Check 1007 cleared the account, or why there is no record showing that Check 1007 was ever presented against Plaintiff's account for payment.

- 18. Finally, the fourth element is to determine whether the ability to properly qualify for public office is in the public interest, and whether the granting of preliminary injunctive relief against an improper disqualification of a candidate for public office serves the public interest. See generally Thompson at 1237. The capability of a city or municipality to distinguish between a technical "glitch" involving a transaction on a negotiated instrument, and the returning of said negotiated instrument due to insufficient funds or inadequate bank account documentation is a definitely a matter of public interest and concern. In the current case, the determination of the City of Miami Gardens Filing Clerk, Ms. Ronetta Taylor, seems to penalize Plaintiff for an unknown technical error in the processing of his qualifying check. Given the fact that the general public relies heavily on the use of checks, checking accounts, and financial institutions to transact everyday business, the outcome of this matter is definitely within the public interest.
- 19. Although the City purports to rely on the case of Levey v. Detzner, 146 So. 3d 1224 (1st DCA 2014), where Plaintiff's check was refused by the bank for payment because of a hold placed on the account by the bank in error, the current case is distinguishable. In Detzner, Plaintiff's qualifying check was returned by her bank after being presented for payment against her account, and the Court held that the reason for Plaintiff's check was returned by the bank was immaterial. Subsequently, since payment was refused by Plaintiff's bank after the qualifying period, she was unable to cure the deficiency within statutory timeframes, and was ultimately disqualified. See Detzner at 1226.
- 20. Accordingly, Plaintiff's position in the instant case is that the Defendant, the CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, has failed to establish that his qualifying check was "returned" by Wells Fargo within the context of § 99.061(7)(a)(1), Fla. Stat. (2015). Defendant has not shown that

Wells Fargo Bank was ever presented with Check 1007 for payment against Plaintiff's campaign account, and that said Bank refused to provide payment from Plaintiff's account after receiving Check 1007. Further, the Defendant also failed to immediately notify Plaintiff of this matter, thereby preventing him from taking steps to research and/or rectify the situation with Wells Fargo regarding why his check was not properly negotiated for payment.

WHEREFORE, based on the above-referenced information, Plaintiff, JAMES BARRY WRIGHT, respectfully requests that this Court grant this Motion for Injunctive Relief, to prevent the CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS from disqualifying him as candidate in the current City of Miami Gardens Mayoral Election scheduled for August 30, 2016, based on having a "returned check".

Respectfully submitted,

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JAMES BARRY WRIGHT

# ORIGINAL MOTION TO DISMIS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 11<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 16-16248 CA 01 (04)

JAMES BARRY WRIGHT,

Plaintiff,

v.

CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, a Florida Municipal Corporation, and RONETTA TAYLOR, the City of Miami Gardens City Clerk, in her official capacity,

Defendant(s)

#### DEFENDANTS' COMBINED MOTION TO DISMISS AND RESPONSE IN OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR INJUNCTION (With incorporated memorandum of law)

Defendants, CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS ("City") AND RONETTA TAYLOR, ("City Clerk"), by and through undersigned Counsel, hereby file this Motion to Dismiss and Response in Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion for Injunction with Incorporated Memorandum of Law in the above styled matter and would state as follows:

#### **INTRODUCTION**

In all election related matters, the overarching priority of all parties involved is the protection of the integrity of the vote and the protection of the voter's right to have an election free of chaos and confusion. Plaintiff has filed an action that runs contrary to those goals and it must be dismissed for a number of reasons. First, Plaintiff has failed to state a proper cause of action, does not likely posses the standing to sue and has brought this claim too late to obtain the relief he

seeks. Second, Plaintiff has failed to name an indispensable party in order to obtain releif. Lastly, the relief Plaintiff has requested would disrupt the current election, disenfranchise the voters of Miami Gardens and cause chaos to the electoral process. Accordingly, as the relief requested would disrupt the election, injunctive relief is unavailable as it would harm the public interest.

#### **FACTS**

- On February 1, 2016, Plaintiff, WRIGHT, in his attempt to run for Mayor of Miami Gardens, Florida, filed his Statement of Candidate (DS-DE 84) and his Appointment of Campaign Treasurer (DS-DE 9). [See Defendant's Supplemental Exhibit "1", Filing Papers of JAMES BARRY WRIGHT]
- 2. Qualifying for the Miami Gardens election began on May 26, 2016. [See Defendant's supplemental Exhibit "2", Miami-Dade Elections Calendar of Election Dates]
- 3. Plaintiff, WRIGHT, attempted to qualify on June 1, 2016 with what appears to be a "temporary" or "starter" check. [See Complaint ¶ 10, Complaint Exhibit "A".]¹
- 4. Qualifying for the Miami Gardens election ended on June 2, 2016. [See Defendant's supplemental Exhibit "2", Miami-Dade Elections Calendar of Election Dates]
- 5. On June 16, 2016, the City Clerk was informed by the City's Finance Department that WRIGHT'S designated campaign depository, Wells Fargo Bank had informed the Finance Department that the check that WRIGHT presented in his attempt to qualify to run for Mayor could not be paid by the Bank. As such, the City Clerk contacted WRIGHT to

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Any exhibit attached to a pleading shall be considered a part thereof for all purposes. Fla. R. Civ. P. 1.130(b). In considering a motion to dismiss, the trial court is required to consider the exhibits attached to the complaint. *Blue Supply Corp. v. Novos Electro Mech., Inc*, 990 So. 2d 1157, 1157, (Fla. 3d DCA. 2008); *Santiago v. Mauna Loa Invs., LLC*, 189 So. 3d 752, (Fla. 2016).

- inform him that because the time to re-submit the qualifying check had passed, he was now disqualified from running for office. [See Plaintiff's Complaint, Exhibit "B".]
- 6. On June 30, 2016, Plaintiff filed the above titled action seeking declaratory and injunctive relief, in an effort to be qualified as a candidate for Mayor of Miami Gardens.
- 7. Plaintiff did not file any accompanying action for Mandamus.
- 8. Plaintiff has not named Christina White, the Miami-Dade County Supervisor of Elections as a party to this action even though it is Miami-Dade County who is responsible for printing ballots and conducting the election.
- 9. Subsequent to being informed of his disqualification from the election, Plaintiff has made no attempt to comply with the requirements of candidates for office and has thus not filed further campaign finance reports due respectively on July 1, 2016 or July 15, 2016. [See Defendant's supplemental Exhibit "3", Campaign Finance Reports of JAMES B. WRIGHT.]
- 10. On July 2, 2016, the Miami-Dade County Supervisor of Elections began the process of typesetting all of the different ballot styles used in the August 30, 2016 primary election.
- 11. On July 5, 2016, Plaintiff served the City Clerk with the above titled action. Although the Complaint and the subsequently filed Motion were both labeled "Emergency", no immediate hearing was set at that time.
- 12. In his Complaint, which was filed, *pro se*, WRIGHT provided his address as 3816 Hollywood, Florida. [See Plaintiff's Complaint. P. 6]
- 13. On or about July 11, 2016, the Miami-Dade Supervisor of elections began the process of printing all of the paper ballots to be mailed to those electors wishing to vote by mail (formerly referred to absentee ballots) in this election.

14. On July 16, 2016, in accordance with F.S. § 101.62(4), the Miami-Dade County Supervisor of elections mailed ballots to overseas voters. As per the same statute, the ballots, which have already been printed, are set to be mailed to domestic and in-state voters on August 2, 2016.

### **ARGUMENT**

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### FAILURE TO STATE A PROPER CAUSE OF ACTION, LACK OF STANDING & LACHES

Upon a motion to dismiss a complaint for failure to state a cause of action, all material allegations of the complaint are taken as true. Those allegations are then reviewed in light of the applicable substantive law to determine the existence of a cause of action. *Blue Supply Corp. v. Novos Electro Mech., Inc.* 990 So. 2d 1157, 1157, (Fla. 3d DCA 2008). The Complaint filed in this case, fails to state a cause of action and shows the Plaintiff lacks standing to file it, even when viewed in light of the substantive, applicable law. In this case, even if all of the allegations made in the Complaint are taken as true, the Plaintiff is still not entitled to the relief he seeks.

The Plaintiff seeks a declaration from this Court that F.S. § 99.061((7) requires his reinstatement to the ballot for Mayor. He is wrong. The interpretation of a statute is a purely legal matter. *Stock Building Supply of Florida, Inc. v. Soares Da Costa Construction Services, LLC.*, 76 So. 3d 313, 316 (Fla. 3d DCA 2012). A review of a statute must commence with the plain meaning of the actual language contained therein. *Diamond Aircraft Industries, Inc. v. Horowitch*, 107 So. 3d 362, 367 (Fla. 2013). Examining the plain language of the statute will give effect to legislative intent. *Id*; F.S.§99.061(7)(a)(1) provides in pertinent part as follows:

(7)(a) In order for a candidate to be qualified, the following items must be received by the filing officer by the end of the qualifying period:

1. A properly executed check drawn upon the candidate's campaign account payable to the person or entity as prescribed by the filing officer in an amount not less than the fee required by s. 99.092, unless the candidate obtained the required number of signatures on petitions pursuant to s. 99.095. The filing fee for a special district candidate is not required to be drawn upon the candidate's campaign account. If a candidate's check is returned by the bank for any reason, the filing officer shall immediately notify the candidate and the candidate shall have until the end of qualifying to pay the fee with a cashier's check purchased from funds of the campaign account. [emphasis added]. Failure to pay the fee as provided in this subparagraph shall disqualify the candidate.

Fla. Stat. §99.061(7)(a)(1) is clear on its face even without interpretation but it is also clear that the statutes intended that the end of the candidate qualifying period was the last day in which a candidate could make good on a check that had not been paid by the bank. The purpose of this is simply common sense as the elections officials have only a limited amount of time in which to prepare the ballot for the election.

In this case, WRIGHT made several errors that doomed both his ability to qualify for the ballot as well as his ability to seek relief. First, WRIGHT still had temporary checks for some reason and did not have permanent checks with the campaign name printed clearly on the check. Second, WRIGHT for some reason waited until the day before the end of qualifying to submit his final papers instead of the week before which could have reduced the rom for any error. Finally, WRIGHT could have sought immediate injunction the day after he was informed he was disqualified rather than taking his time. As of the date of the filing of this Motion, the ballots have been printed, overseas vote by mail ballots have already been mailed to electors and the Miami Dade Elections Department is preparing to mail the domestic ballots. Furthermore, after being notified by the City Clerk that he was disqualified, WRIGHT stopped complying with all campaign finance laws and did not file any further campaign finance reports. As such, we don't even have

any report that shows any expenditure for the check he attempted to qualify with. WRIGHT has not even provided bank records; a telling sign the check was not paid.

It is evident by the facts of this case that the bank may have erred in not paying WRIGHT'S check to Miami Gardens. However, even if the bank made a mistake, Plaintiff is not entitled to the declaration that he seeks. "Even though a potential state legislature candidate's bank indicated that its return of the check was due to bank error, this statute [Fla. Stat. §99.061(7)(a)(1)] precluded the grant of any relief to the candidate because she failed to cure the deficiency in her filing prior to the end of the candidate qualifying period." Levey v. Detzner, 146 So. 3d 1224, 1225, (Fla. 1st DCA, 2014). Plaintiff's argument that the check was not presented to his account for processing is misplaced because the bank noted that the account could not be found, so it is not surprising that the check was not be presented against his account. That, however, does not negate the fact that the check was "returned for any reason" in accordance with Fla. Stat. §99.061(7)(a)(1). The Florida Department of State, Division of Elections has opined that the decision of whether to qualify a candidate rests with the qualifying officer. DE 09-01. Moreover, the qualifying officer has no authority to take any actions on errors in qualifying papers after the qualifying period has ended. Id. The City Clerk did not even have discretion in determining that Plaintiff had not qualified for the election and in not requesting that the Dade County Supervisor of Election place his name on the ballot, based upon Fla. Stat. §99.061(7)(a)(1). The judgment of officials duly charged with carrying out the election process should be presumed correct. See Boardman v. Esteva, 323 So. 2d 259 (Fla. 1975).

Plaintiff also argues that the City Clerk failed to notify him immediately that his check was returned. However, this argument is a red herring, because Plaintiff has also admitted that he submitted his qualification papers on June 1, 2016, one day before the qualifying period ended.

To be exact, in accordance with the letter from the Clerk which is attached to the Complaint, Plaintiff presented his qualification papers and check at 2:37 p.m. on June 1,2016. This means that because Plaintiff waited until one day before qualifying ended to file his papers, there was no way that the bank would even have the opportunity to return the check before the end of qualifying. Regardless of the Plaintiff's arguments, the Court's decision in *Levey v. Detzner* still stands and no matter how unfortunate, nothing can negate the fact that WRIGHT'S qualifying check was still not paid by the bank and therefore he failed to qualify to run for Mayor. The Clerk was doing her statutory duty and carries the presumption of performing in a statutory and lawful manner absent the sufficient showing of the contrary. *Boardman v. Esteva*, 323 So.2d 259 (Fla. 1975) Most importantly in this case, rather than seeking immediate relief and continuing to act like a candidate, WRIGHT stopped all campaign activities, did not file any more campaign finance reports and waited until after overseas vote by mail ballots had been sent to seek a hearing.

The Florida Declaratory Judgment Act is remedial in nature and should be broadly construed. *Dept. of Environmental Protection v. Garcia*, 99 So. 3d 539, 544 (Fla. 3d DCA 2011). However, in order to properly invoke the jurisdiction of the circuit court, a party seeking declaratory relief must not only show that he or she is in doubt as to the existence or nonexistence of some right or status, but also that there is a bona fide, actual, present, and practical need for the declaration. *Id.* WRIGHT no longer has any immediate need for a declaration because the election has already commenced and he is not on the ballot.

As WRIGHT is no longer an active candidate, he no longer possess standing to bring this action. While it may seem like a circular argument, as he is specifically suing to be re-instated as a candidate, the fact that he has neglected to abide by all of the laws required of a candidate, weigh against his ability to still be considered one. More importantly, WRIGHT files this action and

signs the Complaint by listing his address OUTSIDE the City of Miami Gardens. By WRIGHT'S own admission, he does not possess the standing to bring this matter forward because he has not properly established that he is a qualified elector in Miami Gardens. Although he alleges his residency in the Complaint, he neglects to attach any other documentation to the Complaint. Because the Court can only rely on the address he provides in the filing of this action, he is not a resident or qualified elector in the City Miami Gardens and therefor has no standing to sue.

Even if WRIGHT had standing and stated a proper cause of action, WRIGHT is too late to sue because this election has begun and his case is now barred by Laches. Courts are generally hesitant to intervene in election cases when litigants have not acted diligently as "there is no constitutional right to procrastinate." *Dobson v. Dunlap*, 576 F. Supp. 2d 183 (D. Ma 2008); see also *Fulani v. Hogsett*, 917 F. 2d 1028, 1031 (7th Cir. 1991) (Laches "in the context of elections...means that any claim against a state electoral procedure must be expressed expeditiously"). "The test of laches is whether there has been a delay which has resulted in the injury, embarrassment or disadvantage of any person, but particularly the persons against whom relief is sought." *City of Eustis v. Firster*, 113 So.2d 260 (Fla. 2nd DCA,1959) citing *Stephenson v. Stephenson*, 52 So.2d 684 (Fla.1951). Regardless of how quickly WRIGHT alleges to have brought this action, he did not move his case forward until overseas ballots had been sent and therefore would cause an unfair disadvantage to the party that actually runs the election process, the Supervisor of Elections. WRIGHT, however, did not name her in his action.

### II. FAILURE TO NAME AN INDISPENSABLE PARTY

As stated above, this election has already begun. The Miami-Dade County Supervisor of Elections has already mailed out overseas ballots and is currently getting ready to mail the

domestic vote by mail ballots. Plaintiff, however, has failed to name the Miami-Dade County Supervisor of Election in this case even though that is the party that is conducting the election and at this time, the only party that can provide WRIGHT with the relief he seeks. As such, the Complaint should be dismissed for failure to name Christina White, the Miami-Dade County Supervisor of Elections, as a party to this action.

An indispensable party is one whose interest in the controversy makes it impossible to completely adjudicate the matter without affecting either that party's interest or the interests of another party in the action. *Florida Dept. of Revenue v. Cummings*, 930 So.2d 604 (Fla. 2006) The Supervisor of Election prints the ballots and conducts all of the elections for every municipality in Miami-Dade County. As such, without an Order or Judgment directed towards the Miami-Dade County Supervisor of Election, Plaintiff cannot obtain the relief that he seeks in this case. More importantly, any order on this matter would completely disrupt, and therefore affect the interest of, the Supervisor of Elections and affect her ability to conduct the August 30, 2016 election in Miami-Dade County. Accordingly, because WRIGHT has failed to name Christina White, the Supervisor of Elections of Miami-Dade County as a party to this matter, not only must his request for an injunction be denied, his case must be dismissed.

### III.

### FAILURE TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

WRIGHT is seeking an injunction from this Court in order to be placed on the ballot in the election for Mayor. There are several problems with WRIGHT'S request. First, WRIGHT has not named the proper parties. Second, an injunction is a preventative measure to begin with and in this case, there is no further action to prevent. A party seeks an injunction in order to prevent someone from conducting an act. The action of disqualifying WRIGHT has already been done

and the list of candidates has already been sent to the Supervisor of Elections by the Clerk. Furthermore, WRIGHT is seeking an affirmative action compelling the Clerk to reinstate his candidacy not trying to enjoin them from doing any action in particular. Accordingly, the proper action (assuming that WRIGHT had standing, had not waited too long to file his action and could still stop the election) would have been a petition to the Court for a Writ of Mandamus in order to compel the Clerk to reinstate WRIGHT. Not only did WRIGHT not file an action for Mandamus, but even if he were to amend his action, Mandamus will only enforce a clearly defined right and can not be used to establish the existence of a right.

Even if we were to assume, for argument's sake, that injunctive relief was the proper action in this case, WRIGHT would still not be entitled to a temporary injunction. To obtain a temporary injunction, a plaintiff must establish: 1) The likelihood of irreparable harm; (2) the unavailability of an adequate remedy at law; (3) substantial likelihood of success on the merits; and (4) considerations of the public interest. *City of Jacksonville v. Naegele Outdoor Advertising Co.*, 634 So.2d 750 (Fla. 1st. DCA, 1994) WRIGHT can not prevail on any of these prongs.

WRIGHT has no likelihood of irreparable harm. While WRIGHT has been disqualified from this election, nothing prevents his candidacy in future elections. Additionally, while citizens have the right to run for office and courts should rarely interfere in the electoral process, individuals running for office do not enjoy absolute rights and they are required to abide by the rules set forth in the statutes or risk disqualification from the ballot. *See Polly v. Navarro*, 457 So.2d 1140 (Fla. 4th DCA, 1984)

Whether or not WRIGHT has any other *adequate* remedy available to him is immaterial at this juncture. WRIGHT could have done many things to avoid his situation. He could have had

regular permanent checks instead of temporary checks when he qualified. He could have had his treasurer constantly check his bank statement to ensure the check was paid. Most important, he could NOT waited to the next to last day to qualify so he would have had more time to rectify his situation. He did none of these things.

WRIGHT has no substantial likelihood of success on the merits of his case. As stated, he has not named the proper parties, he waited too late and has not filed a proper cause of action. Furthermore, the Court has already ruled in an almost identical action in *Levey v. Detzner*, 146 So. 3d 1224, 1225, (Fla. 1st DCA, 2014). Regardless of the bank error, WRIGHT has not even offered proof the check was paid (it wasn't) so there is no evidence he met the requirements to qualify to run for Mayor. Again, had WRIGHT done things in the correct manner stated above, he would not have become victim to an alleged bank error.

Lastly, the primary reason why no injunction can ever be granted in this matter is that the relief that WRIGHT seeks would harm the public interest. This election has already commenced. All the ballots have been printed. Overseas voters have received their ballots. Any change in this election would not only cause a delay to the voters in Miami Gardens, but would affect countless others as well. Had the Supervisor of Election been named properly as a party, she would be able to attest that any change to the ballot in Miami Gardens would affect all county wide and judicial candidates who's name would also be on the ballot, as well as state and federal candidates who's districts include Miami Gardens. Additionally, those federal and state races also include voters outside the city limits who's right to an election free of chaos and uncertainty would be impaired. The entire voting public in Miami-Dade County would be negatively impacted by the relief requested in this case. As such, WRIGHT fails to meet the four prongs required for an injunction, even though injunctive relief is not available to him anyway.

WHEREFORE, Defendants respectfully request that this court deny Plaintiff's Motion for Injunction and dismiss his Complaint with prejudice and deny any and all extraordinary relief demanded or claimed by Plaintiff as well as any other relief the Court deems would be just and equitable.

Respectfully submitted this 20th day of July, 2016 by,

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served via THE EFILING PORTAL on this 20th day of July, 2016, to Counsel for James Barry Wright, Jason M. Murray and Rashad M. Collins, MURRAY LAW, P.A., 201 S. Biscayne Boulevard, Suite 2800 Miami, Florida 33131

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# Supplemental Exhibit "1"

# APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN DEPOSITORY FOR CANDIDATES

(Section 106.021(1), F.S.)

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10. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer  FINES B. WRIGHT							
	12. Telephone						
11. Mailing Address  JAME AS ABOVE	( )						
	State 16. Zip Code 17. E-mail address						
18. I have designated the following bank as my	Primary Depository Secondary Depository						
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UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN DEPOSITOR	THE FOREGOING FORM FOR APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER AND DRY AND THAT THE FACTS STATED IN IT ARE TRUE.						
25. Date	26. Signature of Candidate						
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### STATEMENT OF **CANDIDATE**

(Section 106.023, F.S.) (Please print or type)

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Each candidate must file a statement with the qualifying officer within 10 days after the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository is filed. Willful failure to file this form is a first degree misdemeanor and a civil violation of the Campaign Financing Act which may result in a fine of up to \$1,000, (ss. 106.19(1)(c), 106.265(1), Florida Statutes).

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#### **ELECTION CALENDAR FOR 2016**

Last updated July 6, 2016

(subject to change)

<u>January</u> | <u>February</u> | <u>March</u> | <u>April</u> | <u>May</u> | <u>June</u> July | August | September | October | November | December

Please note that Candidate Qualifying Dates are subject to change. Questions about municipal elections must be directed to the municipal clerk. For a listing of municipal clerks and their contact information, click here.

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### **January**

Date

City Biannual Election (Registration Closing - Dec. 28)

Candidate Qualifying Dates: December 2, 2015 – December 11, 2015

Lake Hilda Multipurpose Maintenance Special Taxing District Election (Mail Ballot) (Registration Closing - Dec. 28)

O1/26/2016 Lake Patricia Multipurpose Maintenance Special Taxing District Election (Mail Ballot) (Registration Closing - Dec. 28)

### **February**

Date

Candidate Qualifying Dates: November 30, 2015 – December 4, 2015

Florida City Run-Off Election (Registration Closing - Jan. 19) \*\*CANCELLED\*\*

102/19/2016 Indian Creek General Election (Registration Closing - Jan. 21) \*\*CANCELLED\*\*

Candidate Qualifying Dates: January 2, 2016 – January 16, 2016

### March

Date

03/15/2016 PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY ELECTION (Registration Closing - Feb. 16)
03/15/2016 Miami Referendum Special Election (Registration Closing - Feb. 16)
03/15/2016 Miami Beach Special Election (Registration Closing - Feb. 16)
03/15/2016 Surfside General Municipal Election (Registration Closing - Feb. 16)
Candidate Qualifying Dates: November 17, 2015 – December 7, 2015

#### **April**

Date

04/05/2016 Bay Harbor Islands General Election (Registration Closing - Mar. 7)

Candidate Qualifying Dates: February 25, 2016 – March 4, 2016

04/05/2016 Key Biscayne Special Election (Registration Closing - Mar. 7) \*\*CANCELLED\*\*

Candidate Qualifying Dates: February 1, 2016 – February 8, 2016

04/05/2016 Surfside Run-Off Election (Registration Closing - Mar. 7) \*\*CANCELLED\*\*

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04/12/2016 Aventura Special Election (Mail Ballot) (Registration Closing - Mar. 14) 04/12/2016 Riverwood Street Lighting Special Taxing District Election (Mail Ballot) (Registration Closing - Mar. 14) 04/12/2016 West Miami Municipal Election (Registration Closing - Mar. 14) \*\*CANCELLED\*\* Candidate Qualifying Dates: February 22, 2016 – February 26, 2016 **Date** Election 05/05/2016 Bay Harbor Islands Run-Off Election (Registration Closing - Apr. 6) \*\*CANCELLED\*\* 05/10/2016 Sky Lake Gardens Condo No. 4 Street Lighting Special Taxing District Election (Mail Ballot) (Registration Closing - Apr. 11) 05/17/2016 Miami Lakes Special Election (Mail Ballot) (Registration Closing - Apr. 18) No elections scheduled No elections scheduled **Election Date** 08/30/2016 PRIMARY ELECTION (Registration Closing - Aug. 1) Candidate Qualifying Dates: See the list of 2016 Candidate Qualifying Dates 08/30/2016 Key Biscayne Primary Election (Registration Closing - Aug. 1)\*\*CANCELLED\*\* Candidate Qualifying Dates: June 15, 2016 - June 25, 2016 08/30/2016 Miami Gardens General and Special Elections (Registration Closing - Aug. 1) Candidate Qualifying Dates: May 26, 2016 – June 2, 2016 08/30/2016 Sweetwater Referendum Special Election (Registration Closing - Aug. 1) September No elections scheduled October No elections scheduled November Election Date 11/08/2016 **GENERAL ELECTION** (Registration Closing - Oct. 11) 11/08/2016 Aventura General and Special Elections (Registration Closing - Oct. 11) Candidate Qualifying Dates: August 15, 2016 – August 19, 2016 **Bal Harbour Regular Election** (Registration Closing - Oct. 11) 11/08/2016 Candidate Qualifying Dates: August 15, 2016 - August 19, 2016 Biscayne Park General Municipal Election (Registration Closing - Oct. 11) 11/08/2016 Candidate Qualifying Dates: August 15, 2016 - August 30, 2016

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11/08/2016	<b>Doral General Election</b> (Registration Closing - Oct. 11)  Candidate Qualifying Dates: July 5, 2016 – July 19, 2016
11/08/2016	El Portal General Election (Registration Closing - Oct. 11)  Candidate Qualifying Dates: August 18, 2016 – August 29, 2016
11/08/2016	<b>Key Biscayne Municipal and Special Elections</b> (Registration Closing - Oct. 11) Candidate Qualifying Dates: August 15, 2016 – August 25, 2016
11/08/2016	<b>Medley General Election</b> (Registration Closing - Oct. 11)  Candidate Qualifying Dates: July 12, 2016 – August 10, 2016
11/08/2016	Miami Gardens Run-Off Election (Registration Closing - Oct. 11)
11/08/2016	Miami Lakes General Election (Registration Closing - Oct. 11) Candidate Qualifying Dates: July 25, 2016 – August 3, 2016
11/08/2016	North Bay Village General Election (Registration Closing - Oct. 11) Candidate Qualifying Dates: August 2, 2016 – August 31, 2016
11/08/2016	<b>Opa-locka General Election</b> (Registration Closing - Oct. 11)  Candidate Qualifying Dates: August 1, 2016 – August 12, 2016
11/08/2016	Palmetto Bay General Election (Registration Closing - Oct. 11) Candidate Qualifying Dates: August 1, 2016 – August 12, 2016
11/08/2016	Pinecrest General Election (Registration Closing - Oct. 11) Candidate Qualifying Dates: August 1, 2016 – August 12, 2016
11/08/2016	Sunny Isles Beach General Election (Registration Closing - Oct. 11)  Candidate Qualifying Dates: August 16, 2016 – August 19, 2016
11/22/2016	Biscayne Park Run-Off Election (Registration Closing - Oct. 24)
11/22/2016	El Portal Run-Off Election (Registration Closing - Oct. 24)
11/22/2016	North Bay Village Run-Off Election (Registration Closing - Oct. 24)
11/22/2016	Palmetto Bay Run-Off Election (Registration Closing - Oct. 24)
11/22/2016	Pinecrest Run-Off Election (Registration Closing - Oct. 24)
11/29/2016	Cutler Bay Run-Off Election (Registration Closing - Oct. 31)
11/29/2016	Miami Lakes Run-Off Election (Registration Closing - Oct. 31)
11/29/2016	Opa-locka Run-Off Election (Registration Closing - Oct. 31)

### December

Date	Election
12/06/2016	Sunny Isles Beach Run-Off Election (Registration Closing - Nov. 7)
12/13/2016	Doral Run-Off Election (Registration Closing - Nov. 14)

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# Supplemental Exhibit "3"

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE DIVISION OF ELECTIONS CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY									
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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE DIVISION OF ELECTIONS CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY									
(1) JAMES WRIGHT CAMPAIGN  Name  (2) P.O. Box 69-3721  Address (number and street)  Miami, Florida 33269  City, State, Zip Code  OFFICE USE ONLY  City of Miami Gardens  Received in the Office of the City Clerk  Date: 4/11/16  Time: 9:30pm  By: E-Thempsol									
CHECK IF ADDRESS HAS CHANGED  (3) ID Number:APPLIED FOR  (4) Check appropriate box(es):  ☐ Candidate (office sought): MAYOR MIAMI GARDENS ☐ Political Committee ☐ CHECK IF PC HAS DISBANDED ☐ Committee of Continuous Existence ☐ CHECK IF CCE HAS DISBANDED ☐ Party Executive Committee ☐ Electioneering Communication ☐ CHECK IF NO OTHER ELECTIONEERING COMMUNICATION REPORTS WILL BE FILED									
(5) REPORT IDENTIFIERS  Cover Period: From 03 / 01 / 2016 To 03 / 31 / 2016 Report Type M03-16  ✓ Original ☐ Amendment ☐ Special Election Report ☐ Independent Expenditure Report									
(6) CONTRIBUTIONS THIS REPORT	(7) EXPENDITURES THIS REPORT								
Cash & Checks \$ 5,715.00	Monetary Expenditures \$ 290.24								
Loans \$ 200.00  Total Monetary \$ 5,915.00	Transfers to Office Account \$  Total Monetary \$ 290.24								
	(8) Other Distributions								
(9) TOTAL Monetary Contributions To Date \$5,915.00	(10) TOTAL Monetary Expenditures To Date \$								
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### CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT - ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES

(1) Name		JAM	ES WRIGHT CAMP	AIGN	(2) I.D. Numbe	r	APPLIED	FOR	
(3) Cover Period	03	/_01	/ 2016 through	03 / 31 / 2016	(4) Page	1	of	1	

(5) Date	(7) Full Name	(8) Purpose	(9)	(10)	(11)
(6) Sequence Number	(Last, Suffix, First, Middle) Street Address & City, State, Zip Code	(add office sought if contribution to a candidate)	Expenditure Type	Amendment	Amount
03 /10 /16	ADRIAN ROGERS 10325 NW 11TH STREET PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA 33026	RETURN	MONETAR Y		\$250.00
03 /10 /16	WELLS FARGO BANK	RETURN ITEM FEE	MONETARY		\$12.00
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03 /31 /16	PAYPAL	MERCHANT CHARGES	MONETAR Y		\$28.94
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(3) Cover Period (5)	(7)		(8)	(9)	(4) Page (10)	(11)	(12)
Date (6)	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle)		(5)	(-7	72		,·-/
Sequence	Street Address &	Co	ontributor	Contribution	In-kind		
Number	City, State, Zip Code	Туре	Occupation	Туре	Description	Amendment	Amount
09 /2016	PRIME TAX SERVICES INC 473 NE 167TH STREET NORTH MIAMI BCH, FL 33162	I	BUSINESS	CHECK			750.00
03 , 09 2016	HCT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS 3816 HOLLYWOOD BLVD STE 203 HOLLYWOOD FL 33021	I	BUSINES S	CHECK			750.00
03 , 09 2p16	INNER URBAN CONSTRUCTION 10194 NW 47TH STREET SUNRISE FL 33351	I	BUSINES S	CHECK			500.00
03 / 03 2016	RODNEY SANCHEZ EXEMPT PER FSS 119.07	I	RETIRED S	CHECK			100.00
03 , 03 ,2016	BARBARA HUNTER 20170 NE 3RD COURT UNIT 1 MIAMI, FL 33179	I	CONSULT ANT	CHECK			100.00
03 , 05 3016	DIDEROT SYLVAIN 280 RACQUEST CLUB ROAD APT 202 WESTON, FL 33326	I	CONSULT ANT	CHECK			100.00
03 / 10 2016 15	CATHY WANZA 1960 NW 172ND STREET MIAMI GARDENS, FL 33056	I	CONSULTA NT	CHECK			50.00
03 / 17 2016	ADRIAN ROGERS 10325 NW 11TH STREET PEMBROKE PINES, FL 33026	I	EDUCATO R	CHECK			265.00

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE DIVISION OF ELECTIONS CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY				
(1) JAMES WRIGHT CAMPAIGN  Name  (2) P.O. Box 69-3721  Address (number and street)  Miami, Florida 33269  City, State, Zip Code	City of MiDEFFSE USE ONLY Received in the Office of the City Clerk Date: 5/10/2016 Time: 8.15 Am By: 1			
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(5) REPORT I	DENTIFIERS			
Cover Period: From 04 / 01 / 2016 To _	04 / 30 / 2016 Report Type M04-16			
☑ Original ☐ Amendment ☐ Special Election	Report			
(6) CONTRIBUTIONS THIS REPORT	(7) EXPENDITURES THIS REPORT			
Cash & Checks \$1,200.23	Monetary Expenditures \$ 1,994.68			
Loans \$	Transfers to Office Account \$			
Total Monetary \$1,200.23	Total Monetary \$ 1,994.68			
	(8) Other Distributions			
(9) TOTAL Monetary Contributions To Date \$ 7,565.23	(10) TOTAL Monetary Expenditures To Date \$2,364.92			
(11) CERTIFICATION				
It is a first degree misdemeanor for any personal certify that I have examined this report and it is true, correct, and complete.  (Type name) RODERICK HARVEY, CPA, CVA	I certify that I have examined this report and it is true, correct, and complete.  (Type name)  JAMES B WRIGHT			
Individual (only for electioneering combun.)  Signature  Deputy Treasurer  Deputy Treasurer	Chairperson (only for PC, PTY & electioneering commun. organization)  X Signature			

JAMES WRIGHT CAMPAIGN (2) I.D. Number APPLIED FOR (1) Name 04 / 01 / 2016 through 04 / 30 / 2016 (3) Cover Period (4) Page 1 (5) (9)(10)(11)(12)Date Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) (6) Street Address & Contributor Contribution In-kind Sequence Number City, State, Zip Code Type Occupation Type Description Amendment Amount PATRICE BRANTLEY EDUCATOR \$100.00 CHECK 04 / 01 /2016 1040 NE N LITTLE RIVER DRIVE MIAMI, FL 33138 01 \$200.00 ERIC PETTUS BUSINES CHECK 04 , 10 2016 411 SW 10TH STREET APT 3 HALLANDLE BEACH, 02 FL 33009 \$100.00 SMASHING EVENTS BUSINES CHECK 04 / 23 2916 INC S 12976 SW 108TH STREET CIRCLE MIAMI, FL 33186 03 ADAM BURDEN II ADMINIS CHECK \$250.00 I 04 / 24 2016 EXEMPT TRATOR 04 MS URSULA T WRIGHT \$550.00 BUSINES CHECK 14355 NW 15TH 04 , 24 ,2016 S DRIVE MIAMI, FL 33167 05 PAYPAL VERIFYBANK CREDIT 0.06 I 04 , 06 3016 06 CREDIT PAYPAL VERIFYBANK 0.17 04 , 06 2016 07

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(6) Sequence Number	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) Street Address & City, State, Zip Code	Purpose (add office sought if contribution to a candidate)	Expenditure Type	Amendment	Amount
04 /06 /16	PAYPAL	MERCHANT FEES	MONETAR Y		\$9.53
04 /12 /16	MR COPY PRINTING 3683 NW 135TH STREET OPA LOCKA, FLORIDA 33054	POST CARDS	MONETARY		\$150.00
04 /12 /16	JAMES WRIGHT 3816 HOLLYWOOD BOULEVARD STE 203 HOLLYWOOD, FL 33021	ADVERTISING	MONETAR Y		\$15.75
04 /12/16	JAMES WRIGHT 3816 HOLLYWOOD BOULEVARD STE 203 HOLLYWOOD, FL 33021	PHOTOGRAPHY	MONETARY		\$254.40
04 /12 / 16	JAMES WRIGHT 3816 HOLLYWOOD BOULEVARD STE 203 HOLLYWOOD, FL 33021	REIMBURSEMENT/ LOAN	MONETARY		\$100.00
04 /12 /16	MR. HUBERT CAMPBELL 640 N.E. 149th STREET MIAMI, FLORIDA 33161	CONSULTING FEES	MONETARY		\$1,000.00
04 /27 /16	CHRIS I GRAPHICS DESIGN, INC 1624 NW 188TH TERRACE MIAMI GARDENS, FL 33169	PALM CARDS	MONETARY		\$50.00
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(5) REPORT IDENTIFIERS  Cover Period: From 05 / 01 / 2016 To 05 / 31 / 2016 Report Type M05-16  ✓ Original ☐ Amendment ☐ Special Election Report ☐ Independent Expenditure Report				
(6) CONTRIBUTIONS THIS REPORT  Cash & Checks \$ 1,300.00  Loans \$ 1,300.00  In-Kind \$	(7) EXPENDITURES THIS REPORT  Monetary Expenditures \$ 192.73  Transfers to Office Account \$  Total Monetary \$ 192.73			
	(8) Other Distributions \$			
(9) TOTAL Monetary Contributions To Date \$ 8,865.23	(10) TOTAL Monetary Expenditures To Date \$2,557.65			
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05 / 02 /2016	MATTHEW & SANDRA BOYD EXEMPT	I	EDUCATOR	CHECK			\$500.00
05 , 02 2016	ERICA CARTER EXEMPT	I	EDUCATO R	CHECK			\$50.00
05 / 02 2p16	DR. TONYA CARTER EXEMPT	I	BUSINES S	CHECK	,		\$50.00
03 05 / 11 2016	DR. VANESSA WALKER P.O BOX 245487 FEMBROKE PINES, FL 33024	I	BUSINES S	CHRCK			\$200.00
05 / 27 /2016	MOD FUNDING WE FUND FUNERALS WRIGHT & YPUNG FUNERAL HOME 2750 N 29TH AVE STE 200 HWD., FL 33020	I	BUSINES	CHECK			\$500.00
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05 /02 /16	MR COPY PRINTING 3683 NW 135TH STREET OPA LOCKA, FLORIDA 33054	PRINTING/ADVER TISEMENT	MONETAR Y		\$150.00
05 /03 /16	HARLAND CLARKE CHECKS WELLS FARGO BANK	CAMPAIGN CHECK ORDER	MONETARY		\$42.73
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# MOTION TO TAKE JUDICIAL NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 11<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 16-16248 CA 01 (04)

JAMES BARRY WRIGHT,

Plaintiff,

v.

CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, a Florida Municipal Corporation, and RONETTA TAYLOR, the City of Miami Gardens City Clerk, in her official capacity,

Defend	ant(s)	

### DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO TAKE JUDICIAL NOTICE

Defendants, CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS ("City") AND RONETTA TAYLOR, ("City Clerk"), by and through undersigned Counsel, pursuant to Florida Rules of Evidence 90.202 and 90.203, respectfully requests that the Court take judicial notice of the following documents in accordance with Florida Statute Section 90.202, which documents fall within the ambit of section 90.202 and are relevant to this case. Defendants have requested such judicial notice in connection with the hearing for Summary Judgment scheduled by this Court set for July 22, 2016 at 1 PM.

- 1. Filing paperwork (DS-DE 9 and DS-DE 84) of James Wright. These are public documents kept by the clerk in the process of candidates filing to run for office.
- Printout of Calendar of relevant election dates printed from the website of the Miami-Dade County Supervisor of Elections.

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 Campaign Finance Reports of James Wright. These are public documents kept by the clerk in the process of candidates running for office in accordance with Florida Statutes, Chapter 106.

**WHEREFORE**, Defendants respectfully request that the Court take judicial notice of the aforementioned documents.

Respectfully submitted this 22nd day of July, 2016 by,

### **KYMP**

Counsel for Defendants 600 Brickell Avenue Suite 1715 Miami, Florida 33131 Telephone: 305-531-2424

Email: jcplanas@kymplaw.com aserrano@kymplaw.com

By: s./J.C. Planas

JUAN-CARLOS PLANAS, ESQ.

Fla. Bar No.: 156167

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served via THE EFILING PORTAL on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2016, to Counsel for James Barry Wright, Jason M. Murray *and* Rashad M. Collins, MURRAY LAW, P.A., 201 S. Biscayne Boulevard, Suite 2800 Miami, Florida 33131

### **KYMP**

Counsel for Defendants 600 Brickell Avenue Suite 1715 Miami, Florida 33131

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By: s./J.C. Planas

JUAN-CARLOS PLANAS, ESQ.

Fla. Bar No.: 156167

# ORIGINAL ORDER DISMISSING THE CASE

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	William-Bot County, Florida
DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers, at this 22 day of 1	116
Copies furnished:	Circuit Judge Cathorine Miller
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